

Introduced by Senator Leno

May 19, 2014

Senate Resolution No. 47—Relative to the City College of San Francisco.

1 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco, founded in
2 1935, is a long-running and established entity in the San Francisco
3 Bay area; and

4 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco is the largest
5 community college district with a student enrollment of
6 approximately 80,000 students in 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco gives individuals
8 who lack English language skills the ability to learn English to
9 gain employment and participate and contribute to the economy;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco is the first stop
12 for many recent immigrants to take naturalization courses to
13 integrate into the broader society; and

14 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco provides a
15 pathway to career and participation in the California dream for
16 thousands of people each year; and

17 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco is a valuable
18 tool in maintaining the middle class in the City and County of San
19 Francisco by being one of the few resources low-income students
20 can utilize to climb the economic ladder; and

21 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco is an important
22 resource that provides opportunities for low-income students to
23 gain job skills and adults to obtain their graduate equivalency
24 diplomas; and

1 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco offers over 50
2 educational programs and more than 100 work training courses
3 and specializes in training the future workforce of the City and
4 County of San Francisco in the hospitality, culinary, automotive,
5 and construction industries; and

6 WHEREAS, California’s Student Success Score Card, a
7 performance measurement system created by the Board of
8 Governors of the California Community Colleges to track student
9 success at all community colleges in California, shows that the
10 City College of San Francisco has a higher percentage of students
11 who transfer to a four-year university or earn a vocational
12 certificate than the statewide average; and

13 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco is a major job
14 creator in the City and County of San Francisco, employing about
15 1,500 faculty members; and

16 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Budget and Legislative Analyst
17 has found that the City College of San Francisco generates well
18 over \$300 million in economic activity every year; and

19 WHEREAS, In July, 2012, the Accrediting Commission for
20 Community and Junior Colleges sanctioned the City College of
21 San Francisco with a ‘show cause’ order, which required the
22 college to remedy issues identified by the commission; and

23 WHEREAS, On July 31, 2014, the Accrediting Commission
24 for Community and Junior Colleges will determine the
25 accreditation status of the City College of San Francisco; and

26 WHEREAS, Since the ‘show cause’ order issue in 2012, the
27 City College of San Francisco has made substantial progress in
28 remedying the issues identified by the commission; and

29 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco has hired a
30 permanent chancellor, chief financial officer, chief counsel, and
31 chief instructional officer, and filled other leadership positions;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco has met nearly
34 85 percent of the 350 objectives laid out by the Accrediting
35 Commission for Community and Junior Colleges to maintain its
36 accreditation but is not likely to meet them all by July 31, 2014,
37 when the fate of its accreditation will be determined; and

38 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco has asked for
39 an extension of time to allow them to fully address the issues
40 identified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and

1 Junior Colleges but the commissioners have declined the request
2 stating that federal law prevented them from granting an extension;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education
5 recently stated that the Accrediting Commission for Community
6 and Junior Colleges has the flexibility to give the City College of
7 San Francisco additional time to remedy all outstanding issues
8 without jeopardizing the commission's standing with the
9 department; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
11 urges the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior
12 Colleges to consider the progress the City College of San Francisco
13 has made and, as necessary, provide the college with additional
14 time to continue solving problems and keep its accreditation intact;
15 and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
17 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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